

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CATALYTIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR SILK INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) The aims and objectives of Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) proposed to be launched during the Eleventh Plan to promote silk industry in the country;
- (b) whether the Union Government has asked the States to submit their proposals under CDP;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the names of States that have submitted their proposals alongwith the action taken by the Union Government in this regard; and
- (e) the funds earmarked for the purpose ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a): The Catalytic Development Programme is a unique and effective tool for transfer of technologies in the field evolved by the Research Institutes and is being implemented by Central Silk Board (CSB) through the respective State Departments. The objectives of the programme are to enhance the production of raw silk through vertical and horizontal expansion of sericulture especially Mulberry bivoltine silk and Vanya silks, to create greater opportunities for gainful employment in rural and backward areas especially for women and other marginalized sections of the society, to produce high quality silk of international grade for import substitution and increasing export earnings and to improve productivity and quality at all levels of production processes starting from leaf production to fabrics through technological interventions, skill up-gradation and integrated extension support etc.

During XI Plan, the CDP is proposed to be implemented through Project mode approach in the form of packages mainly under 3 sectors viz. Seed, Cocoon and Post-cocoon sectors supported by the service sectors, which are common to all packages to achieve the targets and the objectives of the XI Plan. Within each package, flexibility can be built-in to cater to the specific needs of different seri-zones in the country.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Government through CSB has requested the State departments to submit proposals under CDP for the current year 2007-08, for considering release of CSB share. The proposals received from the States were discussed during the Apex Monitoring Committee meeting held at Bangalore on 8-2-2008. As the proposals received did not contain requisite details, as decided during the said meeting, the States have been requested to furnish the additional details taking into consideration the revised targets, unit cost, sharing pattern etc., as approved by the Government of India.

(d): The revised proposals from the States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have been received in the Project mode and considered for release of CSB share during the current year 2007-08.

(e): A provision of Rs.81.01 crores has been earmarked towards implementation of CDP in various States during the current year 2007-08, which includes Rs.37.45 crores allotted for the North Eastern States.